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**P**RESENTS

CELEBRATING NEIGHBORHOOD  
through arts and educational programs.

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IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Hello Neighbors,

There is no time like summer in the Upper Valley for hanging out with friends, letting kids be kids and enjoying the great outdoors! Once again, we invite you to join us at **Open Air**—UV PRESENTS Summer Family Concert series held “in plain air” at the Events Center, Norwich. This year’s lineup is sure to please every member of the neighborhood: children, parents, grandparents and friends. For those new to Open Air, you’re in for a treat. Bring your picnic (or purchase healthful food on-site), let the kids jump, swing, and run, pull up a Magic Carpet mat, and enjoy the music and artistry of 6 well-loved performing acts.

This year, we’ve added even more activities for the little ones like puppet-making and face painting, maracas- and drum-making and Salsa dancing for the entire family. This is not a “stay-in-your-seat” kind of event; we invite everyone to come, dance, sing, play, be a part of it all.

Open Air is a flagship program of Upper Valley PRESENTS and furthers our mission of creating artistic and educational programs to enrich the Upper Valley. We are extremely excited and proud to present Hanover’s own Chloe Brisson opening for Cheryl Wheeler on July 12th and the students of Rock School, UV PRESENTS’ newest program, as Open Air’s feature act on July 26th. If you’re looking to be inspired and impressed, make plans to come see these young folks and experience the music they make. It is nothing short of amazing.

See you at Open Air!

Bruce Genereaux, Executive Director  
Upper Valley PRESENTS

**Dates to Keep**

- ♦ **June 20—July 20**  
**Paintings by Janna Genereaux** on exhibit at *Shiretown Books, Woodstock, VT.*
- ♦ **July 12**  
**Cheryl Wheeler** kicks off *Open Air Summer Family Concerts* (See Schedule, this page).
- ♦ **September 1**  
Celebrate neighborhood at the **Family Fair**. Games, activities, puppetry—fun for all ages—**FREE ADMISSION!** (See Page 7).

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**Our Mission**

To create artistic and educational programs to enrich the Upper Valley.

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**OPEN AIR**  
**SUMMER FAMILY CONCERTS**

Tickets range in price from \$10—\$15/adult in advance (under 17 free).

**Upper Valley PRESENTS members enter FREE to all Open Air concert events with \$50 membership donation.**

- July 12th:** **Cheryl Wheeler** (Chloe Brisson and Band opens)
- July 19th:** **Lydia Gray** (Upper Valley Music Center opens)
- July 26th:** **Rock School** (Friends of Upper Valley Presents open)
- August 2nd:** **Gabriel Q** (Puppet-making workshop to follow)
- August 9th:** **Marko the Magician** (Meet Marko after the show)
- August 16th:** **Black Beans** (Salsa Dance Instruction!)

For advance tickets, visit [www.uvPRESENTS.org](http://www.uvPRESENTS.org). Gates open at 5:30, shows at 6.

## Art Smart, Kitchen Science, Fair Play Summer Days Camp Curriculum Cultivates Creative, Confident Thinkers

With the depth and number of summer camps available in the Upper Valley, Summer Days Camp director Janna Genereaux appreciates the challenge parents face choosing the right camp for their children. "For many parents, it's about providing a stimulating environment that keeps the child in a space of discovery so that they maintain a learning momentum through the summer," Janna explains. "For others, it's a time of rest and recovery after the school year, a moment of pure fun and 'being a kid'. Fortunately," adds Genereaux, "Summer Days Camp offers both."

Over the last three years, Genereaux has developed the Summer Days Camp curriculum to encompass three core areas: Art Smart, Kitchen Science, and Fair Play. During a day of camp, children engage in learning activities from each category but they do so in seamless and organic ways. "We don't stop an activity mid-stream and declare, 'Okay, now it's time for Fair Play'," laughs Genereaux. "The children are rarely aware of the teaching and learning aspects of what we do. They're too busy having fun, but we can see the gears turning while they play." Indeed, Summer Days campers do have fun, as parents attest. "People kept telling me, 'Better sign him up to stay until

3. He's not going to want to come home at 1' and I thought they were kidding," says parent Katie Merrill of Hartland, VT, "But when I showed up at 1, boy, did I hear about it. We were the last to leave, and we signed up for the rest of the summer!"

A key factor to Genereaux' success is her staff, most of whom have been with the program since its inception. "With my experienced team, we have created a program that is nurturing and non-competitive," Janna explains. "We are constantly bringing new ideas and projects to Summer Days Camp. We are building an atmosphere that stimulates and reinforces a child's individuality and creative thinking process. When children feel safe and secure in their environment, they are free to explore, try new things and challenge themselves in multiple ways."

This year, Genereaux has introduced a mentoring program to allow older, capable campers the opportunity to be role models to younger campers. "It's a natural evolution for the Summer Days alum, to demonstrate all the aspects of our program for our younger campers, to be a leader for those campers, and to gain confidence by doing so," says Janna who, with her staff, identifies and invites candidates for mentoring. "It's a real joy to watch these young children develop and grow, and to be a part of that is truly a gift."

Summer Days Camp  
Information and Registration  
including Individual Day Options:  
802-649-2772  
[www.uvPRESENTS.org](http://www.uvPRESENTS.org)



## Summer Days Campers Celebrate Pond Party Win with Icy Treat

Summer Days Campers gathered at the Events Center in Norwich on May 30 to celebrate the team's first place showing at this year's Occum Pond Party snow sculpture competition. This time, snow shovels were replaced with spoons as the children dug into bowls of ice cream. Campers who helped to build the sculpture, and all alumni campers, were invited to join in the eating. "This is what it's all about—the sweet reward of working together as a team, creating art in any media, and having fun," said Janna Genereaux, UV PRESENTS' Artistic Director and Director of Summer Days Camp. Many alumni campers will be reunited this summer as Summer Days Camp welcomes children ages 4-12 to the Events Center in Norwich for 9 weeks of Art Smart, Kitchen Science, and Fair Play (see story this page).

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## Summer Days Camp Staff



### Director Janna Genereaux

Janna is an artist, athlete, teacher and mother to 5 children.

Janna lettered in track as an 8th grader and participated in three seasons of varsity sports in high school. She was the 4x800 New York State Champion three years in a row, and captained the cross country, indoor track and track and field teams for two seasons. She has completed two marathons.

A Rhode Island School of Design graduate, Janna graduated with honors, majoring in painting with emphasis in textile and illustration. She has exhibited her paintings at the Bentley Gallery (Scottsdale, AZ) and The Left Bank (Bennington, VT), among others.

While living in California, Janna was a docent at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and ran a play group from her home in Santa Barbara. She has been a class room parent and substitute art teacher at local schools.

From 2002-2006, Janna served on the Board of the Hampshire Cooperative Nursery School in Lyme. In 2004 she became co-manager of the Upper Valley Events Center in Norwich. She is currently the Artistic Director for Upper Valley Presents.

*This is Janna's third year as Director of Summer Days Camp.*



### Lead Counselor Catherine Patch

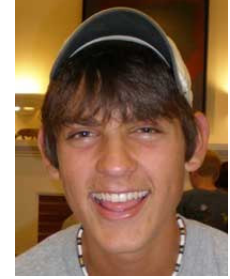
Catherine is a 2003 graduate of Lebanon High School. She attended the University of New Hampshire where she received her B.S. Summa Cum Laude in Kinesiology and was the recipient of the Barbara King Newman Award. She is currently pursuing her Master's of Education at UNH, leading to K-12 Physical Education and Health certification.

While an undergrad at UNH, Catherine held internships in physical education and health at two area public schools. She is currently a Physical Education and Health long-term substitute in the Lyme School District.

At UNH, Catherine is a member of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Pedagogy Club, Swing Dance Club, and American Sign Language Club, as well as a participant in Intramural field hockey. She has been a member of the 4-H Jr. Gardening and Dairy Leader organization for 10 years.

In 2006, Catherine was chosen to represent UNH Physical Education at the National Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance conference in 2006, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

*This is Catherine's third year as a Summer Days Camp counselor.*



### Counselor Ryan McGuire

Ryan will be a junior at Hartford High School in the 2007-2008 school year. He is a member of the Athletic Council, Student Council, and an avid athlete. Ryan has played ice hockey since he was four years old and baseball since he was five. He plays first and third base as well as catcher positions. He is a Level II USA Hockey Referee and can be found at Campion or Hartford ice hockey rinks every weekend during the winter season.

Ryan loves working with children and was a Counselor in Training at the Ventures program in Hartford during the summer of 2004. During the school year, he works as a counselor at the Hanover After School Program when he can fit it in his sports schedule.

Ryan is interested in criminal justice and law and will be exploring these interests during the next two years. He plans on attending college after high school and his ideal major will involve using his verbal communication skills and finding a way to make a difference in people's/ children's lives.

*This is Ryan's third year as a Summer Days Camp counselor.*

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## Summer Days Camp Staff



**Counselor Matt Jantzen**

Matt graduated from Hanover High School in 2005 where he was Captain of the Varsity Lacrosse team. Matt has attained Eagle Scout Rank, and spent four summers working for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services as a Lake Host.

Matt has just completed his sophomore year at Wheaton College, Chicago, IL where he is majoring in Biblical and Theological Studies: Theology Concentration.

At Wheaton, Matt has been a President of the Community Life Council for Fischer Dorm and a member of the Ultimate Frisbee Team.

Matt plans to obtain his Masters of Divinity (MDIV) and a possible Ph.D. in Theology. He hopes to pursue pastoral ministry or teaching theology at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Matt's hobbies include music, guitar, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, and spending time at his cabin in Maine.

*This is Matt's second year as a Summer Days Camp counselor.*



**Counselor Laura Ericksen**

Laura graduated from Arlington Memorial High School (Arlington, VT) in 2000 and attended Becker College in Worcester, MA where she is just a few credits away from a B.A. in Adolescent Psychology.

Previously, Laura has worked as a crisis counselor and a preschool teacher, and as a camp counselor every summer for the last 10 years. Laura currently works as a para-educator for the Visions program in Claremont, NH where she assists children with special needs (particularly children with Autism and Aspergers).

Laura has taken classes and attended trainings in the following areas: Emergency Responder, Child Psychology, Crisis Intervention, Children's Literature, Abnormal Psychology, Social Problems and Resolutions, Behavioral Methods, CPR, and First Aid.

Laura loves arts and crafts, soccer, hiking, canoeing, swimming, and, of course, having fun.

*This is Laura's second year as a Summer Days Camp counselor.*



**Junior Counselor  
Kate Shaper**

Kate will be a senior this fall at St. Paul School in Concord, NH. She is active in theater and performed most recently in her school's production this winter of Twelve Angry Women and is a regular participant in Pauli Improv, the school's improvisation group.

Next year, Kate will be a prefect in her dorm. She has been a member of the Crew and the Cross Country teams.

Kate is the leader of "Booties for Babies," a school project that knits baby booties and other clothing items for babies and people in need. Once a week, at Lutheran Social Services, Kate babysits Somalian refugee children while their parents take English lessons across the hall.

Kate is interested in the Sciences, mainly Physics and Biology and hopes to attend a liberal arts college in 2008.

*This is Kate's first year as a Summer Days Camp counselor.*

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## Rock School Performs at Middle Earth

In the Green Room at Middle Earth Music Hall in Bradford, VT, Rock School instructor Tuck Stocking pointed out to his students the names on the walls of famous musicians who've played the legendary venue. "The students were overwhelmed. While many of these kids weren't even born when those guys were playing, they understood the importance of that moment."

On Wednesday, May 2, students of the Rock School program got an opportunity of a lifetime when they performed live at Middle Earth. After a sound check with the Hall's professional sound engineer, the students played a full set including covers and students' original compositions. Parents, friends and patrons listened in and watched in amazement. "Tuck has taken our son, who has been playing bass for less than a year, and made him a valuable player on a team he absolutely loves," Therese Linehan says, "Rock School has quickly become one of the most positive experiences in our son's life. The last performance was an event our whole family was proud of."

Instructor Tuck Stocking was proud of the students as well. Tuck played drums for the second group of students who needed a drummer. "It was awesome, just awesome to see those kids step it up and really perform," Tuck observed. "At a time in life when having fun is not cool, it was great to see the kids having such a great time."



## Session 2 Rock School Musicians

Catherine Clemens  
Jesse Gramling  
Patrick Greeley  
Brooks Hubbard  
Lewis Linehan-Moye  
Connor McWilliams  
Forrest Miller  
Zach Ordway  
Nick Phelps  
Chris Tecca

Rock School  
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## Sound bytes with Rock School Instructor *Tuck Stocking*

**Birthdate:** June 27, 1978

**Birth Place:** Lebanon, Vermont

**Education:** Berklee College of Music

**On His Ipod:** Rock School portfolio, "songs the kids are learning in Rock School—Love it!"

**Last Concert Attended:** Rock School Recital at Middle Earth; "no time for recreation"

**Famous Musicians/Bands Played with:** Cake, Big Head Todd and the Monsters, members of Blue Oyster Cult, Melissa Ferrick, Ed Eastridge, Robert Randolph

**On Teaching:** "I'm different from other teachers who just teach how to play songs. I help students make the music their own."

**On his students:** "I love being kept current by the young kids in class and what they are into... Some of the songs I had not heard before!"

**On Rock School:** "My hope is that, as a result of Rock School, in two or three years, the kids will go off and do other projects that they are looking for and interested in and the area will become a melting pot, or a hot bed, a place renown for music."



## Trans-Canada Donates to Rock School

TransCanada, the Canadian-based operator of 13 hydroelectric facilities on the Connecticut and Deerfield Rivers, including the Wilder Dam, recently donated \$2,500 to support Upper Valley PRESENTS' Rock School Program. The donation enabled the purchase of sound engineering equipment including a state-of-the-art Apple MacBook laptop and software for mixing and producing CDs. With this gift, students will learn sound engineering as part of the program's curriculum and will also be able to produce CDs of their Rock School recitals.

"This is a most welcome gift from a company known for its contributions to community," says Bruce Genereaux, UV PRESENTS' Executive Director. "This equipment was sorely needed and takes the program offerings of Rock School to another level. We are honored to receive such a generous gift and it is incredible to partner with others who see the value of Rock School to its students and our community."

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### Chloe Brisson Returns to Open Air

Opening for Cheryl Wheeler is **Chloe Brisson**, 12-year-old singing phenom from Hanover. Chloe, self-taught, has been singing for audiences since she was three including a performance at Open Air in 2006. No stranger to the stage, Chloe has performed most recently at the AVA Gallery Silent Auction and in the Ray School production of *Dragons are Singing Tonight*. Chloe was cast in August for the PBS special *Dragonfly TV*. The episode, titled "Water Pressure" aired in May.

On July 12 at Open Air, Chloe will be accompanied by the jazz quartet Absolut Jazz for which her father Mark is the pianist. About her stage presence, her mother Alisa notes, "She seems to be totally in her element and it is clear she is happier singing than doing anything else!"



## OPEN AIR

### SUMMER FAMILY CONCERTS

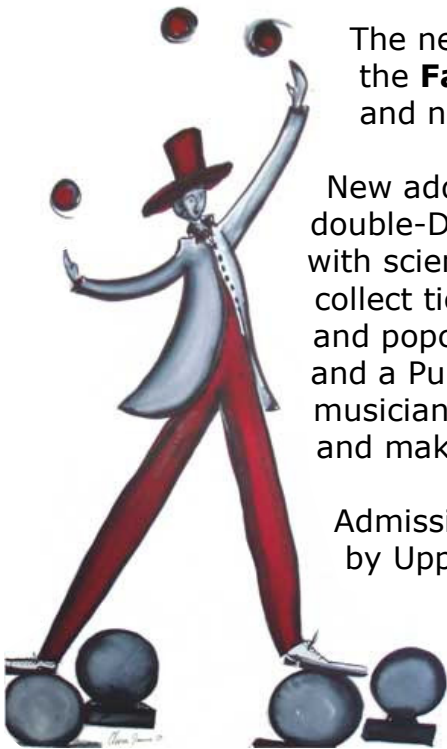
# Cheryl Wheeler

*Brilliant social  
comedy and folk  
singing*

Thursday, July 12  
Gates open 5:30  
Opening Act - Chloe Brisson  
Jazz at 6:00 PM  
Show at 7PM  
\$15 advance, \$20 DOS



## Save the Date—Family Fair Fun for All



The neighborhood block party comes to life **Saturday, September 1** at the **Family Fair—Fun for All**. This year's Fair promises old favorites and new twists for all ages—young and young at heart!

New additions to the Fair this year include bocce ball and horseshoes, double-Dutch jump rope and tug of war, sack races and penny toss along with science tricks prepared by Summer Days Camp alumnae. Children will collect tickets from each activity to redeem at the Corner Store. Lemonade and popcorn will provide refreshment. Come enjoy arts and crafts, games, and a Punch and Judy puppet show with Ria Blaas. Listen to local musicians. Relax while your children run, romp and play. Meet old friends and make new ones.

Admission to the Fair and most activities continue to be offered for **FREE** by Upper Valley PRESENTS. Stop by UV PRESENTS's booth at the Fair and meet the Trustees, **become a member**, learn more about our programs, suggest new ones, or sign up to volunteer.

**Neighborhood partners** wishing to participate by hosting an activity or a booth should contact Bruce Genereaux at 802-649-2772.

Family Fair runs **Saturday, September 1** from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the **Events Center**, Route 5, Norwich, VT. Make your plans now to stop by after the Farmer's Market—we look forward to seeing you! For more information and show times, visit [www.uvPRESENTS.org](http://www.uvPRESENTS.org).

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# Upper Valley PRESENTS: Join Our Neighborhood!

As a non-profit organization, UV PRESENTS depends on membership contributions, underwriting, and grants to support its programs. Please consider becoming an Upper Valley Presents member for 2007. **With a \$50 donation, members receive one free family pass to each of the Open Air concert events, advance registration for Summer Days Camp and invitations for special member events.** Contributions may be unrestricted or directed to specific programs including the Summer Days Camp Scholarship Fund and Open Air Artists Fund.

## Amount of Donation:

- \$50—minimum for membership benefits (including free family pass to each Open Air concert event)
- Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Unrestricted     Open Air Artists Fund     Summer Days Camp Scholarship Fund  
 Rock School Scholarship Fund     Please contact me—I have other ideas

Please make checks payable to: **Upper Valley PRESENTS** and mail to: **UV PRESENTS, PO Box 75, Norwich, VT 05055**

Please print your name as you would like it to appear in our annual report, or check here  indicating you would prefer to remain anonymous.

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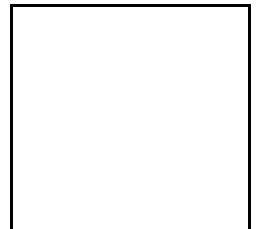
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If we can continue to bring people together and awaken them to the joys of art, music and creativity and, in so doing, enrich them as neighbors and friends, then we have accomplished much indeed.

—Janna Genereaux, Artistic Director